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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DAMASCUS ROCKED OCT. 1 BY THREE EARLY MORNING EXPLOSIONS

1. BETWEEN 5:30 AND 5:45 A.M. OCTOBER 1 THREE LOUD
EXPLOSIONS OCCURED IN CENTRAL DAMASCUS. BOMBINGS
APPARENTLY AIMED AT LOCAL NEWSPAPER OFFICES. WE HAVE
CONFIRMED THAT ONE BLAST OCCURED OUTSIDE OFFICES
DAMASCUS DAILY AL BAATH. SEVERAL WINDOWS AT STREET
LEVEL BLOWN OUT AND SEVERAL DOZEN WORKMEN WERE BUSY
REPAIRING THE SIDEWALKS LATER IN MORNING. OPTICIAN
WITH OFFICE NEARBY TOLD EMBOFF THAT SENTRY CLAIMED
HE HAD WOUNDED ONE OF THE PERPETRATORS BUT THAT HE
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GOT AWAY.

2. VISIT TO ANOTHER DAMASCUS DAILY, TISHREEN,
PROVED NEGATIVE. HOWEVER, WE TOLD BY PEOPLE ON
THE SCENE THAT ONE OF THE EXPLOSIONS HAD OCCURRED
BESIDE SECURITY OFFICE BEHIND THE HIJAZ RAILWAY
STATION IN THE HEART OF DAMASCUS. WE HAVE HEARD

RUMOR THAT THIRD EXPLOSION MAY HAVE OCCURRED
OUTSIDE OFFICES OF AL-THAWRAH NEWSPAPER BUT HAVE
NOT YET CONFIRMED THIS.

3. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, NO KNOWN TERRORIST INCIDENTS
HAVE OCCURRED IN DAMASCUS SINCE MID JULY BOMBING
OUTSIDE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. SENIOR POLICE OFFICE
HAD TOLD US THAT THIS BECAUSE THE GROUP RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE BOMBINGS HAD BEEN APPREHENDED. THESE LATEST
EXPLOSIONS, HOWEVER, WILL BE WIDELY VIEWED AS
EVIDENCE BOTH OF CONTINUING OPPOSITION TO ASSAD REGIME
AND OF INABILITY OF SECURITY SERVICES TO COPE WITH
SPORADIC ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN THE CITY.
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